

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please AMEND claims 1, 6-7, 18, 20, 26, 32, 35, and 46-47 as shown below; and.

Please CANCEL claims 25, 27, and 50 without prejudice or disclaimer.

1. (Currently Amended) A method, comprising:

receiving a network access request from a user equipment in a network, said
network comprising an access network and a core network;

determining if the network access request is an emergency call in dependence on
receipt of an indication, received from the user equipment or from the core network, that
the network access request is an emergency call;.

receiving network access information relating to the user equipment, the network
access information indicating the areas the user equipment is allowed to access;

detecting establishment of a radio access bearer; and

disabling selective access to the network in response to determining that the
network access request is an emergency call and in response to detecting the
establishment of the radio access bearer.

2. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the receiving includes receiving the network access information that comprises network area access information.

3-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein ~~the disabling~~ selective access includes selectively controlling the network ~~which comprises an access network and a core network~~.

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 6, wherein the disabling selective access ~~and the disabling are~~ is performed in the access network.

8-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the disabling includes disabling for a predetermined time period.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:
activating the disabling only for the emergency call network access associated
with the established radio access bearer.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:
terminating the disabling responsive to a control signal.

15. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the
receiving comprising:

receiving the network access information from the core network.

16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:
detecting termination of an emergency call; and,
responsive thereto, terminating the disabling.

17. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, further comprising:

performing the method in a third generation partnership project mobile communication system.

18. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodied on a computer readable medium including computer program code, the computer program code configured to perform a method, the method comprising:

receiving a network access request from a user equipment in a network, said network comprising an access network and a core network;

determining if the network access request is an emergency call in dependence on receipt of an indication, received from ~~the user equipment or from the core network~~, that the network access request is an emergency call.

receiving network access information relating to the user equipment, the network access information indicating the areas the user equipment is allowed to access;

detecting establishment of a radio access bearer; and

disabling selective access to the network in response to determining that the network access request is an emergency call and in response to detecting the establishment of the radio access bearer.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a network access request receiver configured to receive a network access request from a user equipment in a network, said network comprising an access network and a core network;

a determiner configured to determine if the network access request is an emergency call in dependence on receipt of an indication, received from ~~the user equipment or from the core network~~, that the network access request is an emergency call;

a network access information receiver configured to receive network access information relating to the user equipment, the network access information indicating the areas the user equipment is allowed to access;

an access controller configured to selectively control network access for the user equipment in dependence on the network access information;

a detector configured to detect establishment of a radio access bearer; and

a disabler configured to disable the access controller for an emergency call, said disabler being activated in response to said determiner determining said network access request is an emergency call and in response to said detector detecting the establishment of the radio access bearer.

21. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 20, wherein the network access information is shared network area access information.

22-25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim ~~25~~²⁰, wherein the access network comprises the apparatus.

27-29. (Cancelled)

30. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 20, further comprising:

a timer, wherein the disabler is activated for a predetermined time period determined by the timer.

31. (Cancelled)

32. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 2520, wherein the apparatus is configured to receive the network access information from the core network.

33. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 20, wherein the apparatus is configured to detect termination of an emergency call, and the disabler is configured to terminate in response thereto.

34. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 20, wherein the apparatus is a radio network controller of a radio access network.

35. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

an access network;

a core network; and

at least one user equipment configured to connect to the core network through the access network,

wherein the access network is configured to:

receive a request for network access request from the user equipment,

determine if the network access request is an emergency call in dependence on receipt of an indication, received from ~~the user equipment or from~~ the core network, that the network access request is an emergency call,

receive network access information relating to the user equipment from the core network, the network access information indicating the areas the user equipment is allowed to access,and

detect the establishment of a radio access bearer, and disable selective controlling of access to the network in dependence on determining that the network access request is an emergency call and detecting the establishment of a radio access bearer.

36. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 35,

wherein the access network is configured to identify termination of the emergency call, and enable the selective controlling of access to the network responsive to termination of the emergency call.

37-39. (Cancelled)

40. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 35,

wherein the access network is configured so that the disabling of the selective control of access to the network is activated for a predetermined time period.

41. (Cancelled)

42. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 35,

wherein the access network is configured to

detect termination of the emergency call; and

enable the selective control of access to the core network in response thereto.

43. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 35,

wherein the access network is configured to receive an indication of the emergency call on relocation of the call to the access network.

44. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 35,

wherein the access network is configured to send an indication of the emergency call on relocation of the call to another access network.

45. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 35, further comprising a third generation partnership project mobile communication system.

46. (Currently Amended) An apparatus, comprising:
network access request receiving means for receiving a network access request from a user equipment in a network, said network comprising an access network and a core network;

determining means for determining if the network access request is an emergency call in dependence ~~as-on receipt of~~ indication, received from the ~~user equipment or the~~ network, that the access request is an emergency call;

network access information receiving means for receiving network access information relating to the user equipment, the network access information indicating the areas the user equipment is allowed to access;

selection means for selectively controlling network access for the user equipment in dependence on the network access information;

means for detecting establishment of a radio access bearer; and

disabling means for disabling the selection means for an emergency call, said disabling means being activated in response to said determining means determining said

network access request is an emergency call and in response to said detecting means detecting the establishment of the radio access bearer.

47. (Currently Amended) A system, comprising:

an access network;

a core network; and

at least one user equipment for connection to the core network through the access network,

wherein the access network comprises

network access request receiving means for receiving a network access request from a user equipment in a network;

determining means for determining if the network access request is an emergency call in dependence ~~as-on receipt of an~~ indication, received from ~~the user equipment or the core network~~, that the access request is an emergency call;

network access information receiving means for receiving network access information relating to the user equipment, the network access information indicating the areas the user equipment is allowed to access;

selection means for selectively controlling network access for the user equipment in dependence on the network access information;

means for detecting establishment of a radio access bearer; and

disabling means for disabling the selection means for an emergency call, said disabling means being activated in response to said determining means determining said network access request is an emergency call and in response to said detecting means detecting the establishment of the radio access bearer.

48. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving said indication in said network access request.

49. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein said network access request receiver is configured to receive said indication in said network access request.

50. (Cancelled)